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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDEV

SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE  
KHAMA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR PRESIDENT KHAMA,

I WAS SHOCKED AND DEEPLY SADDENED WHEN I LEARNED THAT  
A NUMBER OF YOUR SOLDIERS HAD LOST THEIR LIVES IN AN  
ENCOUNTER WITH THE RHODESIAN DEFENSE FORCES. ON  
BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED  
STATES I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCES TO YOU,  
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TO THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA, AND ESPECIALLY TO THE  
MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO WERE KILLED.  
THIS TRAGIC EVENT BRINGS HOME AGAIN THE URGENT NEED TO  
FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA,  
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